

# EOP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) describes how Calhoun County will respond to an emergency. Utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) principles, the county has been divided into 17 Operational Areas based on fire districts. Each Operational Area will establish its own Incident Command Post (ICP) to coordinate the tactical and operational response within its boundaries and will utilize Unified Command to ensure all agencies with jurisdiction work together toward a common goal. In a large-scale event, the EMA may establish an “area command” at the EOC to coordinate and support the Operational Areas.

**As a public safety official, you should become familiar with this plan to ensure you and your staff can execute your emergency responsibilities. You should review this plan, develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) to execute your responsibilities as defined by this plan, and train your staff to implement those procedures.**

- **Standing Priorities during initial emergency response are:**
  - **Save lives**
  - **Protect property**
  - **Protect the environment**

The intent that this plan should provide a guide for efficient, coordinated response to the most likely emergencies.



This plan:

- Defines general emergency and disaster response actions
- Establishes policies to guide departments and agencies in decision-making
- Provides a basis for unified training, drills, and emergency response exercises

Key Takeaways:

- All emergency management activities are driven by the plan.
- Plan provides a framework- NOT a checklist
- Plan scope is broad and locally focused.
  - Calhoun County has 118,000 + residents, 5 County Commission districts, 7 municipalities, 5 school districts, 2 college campuses and 1 university campus, 2 hospitals, 2 military installations, 15 fire departments, 4 EMS agencies, and 7 law enforcement agencies.

The plan consists of the following components:

- **Base Plan** - Describes incident management that integrates the efforts of municipal governments, the private sector, and NGO's. This includes the purpose, situation, assumptions, and the concept of operations (CONOPS).
- **Functional Annexes** - Provide guidance and define specific processes for each emergency management function.
- **Operational Area Annexes** - Provide information for each Operational Area (fire district) and pre-defined operational locations.
- **Emergency Planning Scenario Annexes** - Address specific contingencies and hazards requiring specialized application of the EOP.

